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SUBJECT: SOVIETS REPORT ISSUANCE OF DRA PARTY DOCUMENT

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. PRAYDA NOVEMBER 3 PRINTED A TASS REPORT ON THE
ISSUANCE OF A DOCUMENT BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE POPA CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE PARTY'S
EXISTENCE. THE DOCUMENT WAS TOTALLY UPBEAT ON
THE PROGRESS MADE IN AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE POPA AND REAFFIRMED THE BASIC

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"COUNTER-REVOLUTION" WAS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME. AS REPORTED BY TASS, THE PDPA DOCUMENT ONLY HAD HARSH WORDS FOR THE US, WHILE REAFFIRMING THE DRA'S "INITIATIVES" TO REGULATE ITS PROBLEMS WITH IRAN AND PAKISTAN. CHINA WAS NOT MENTIONED AT ALL.

3. COMMENT: THE OPTIMISTIC TONE OF THIS ARTICLE CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE SOVIET MEDIA'S RECENT FRANK PORTRAYALS OF WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. WITH THE UNGA DEBATE ON AFGHANISTAN A WEEK AWAY, THE PDPA DOCUMENT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO SUPPORT THE SOVIET-AFGHAN ASSERTION THAT, DESPITE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, THERE IS "LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL."
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